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The International Costumers' Guild, Inc. (ICG), is an affiliation of amateur, hobbyist, and professional costumers dedicated to the promotion and education of costuming as an art form in all its aspects.

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy New Year! Hope you had a great holiday season, however you chose to celebrate.

With one more issue to go (Vol. II, Issue 2) before the Annual Meeting in April, we've still got a lot of ground to cover. Here's hoping most of the boring business stuff will go away soon!

This issue contains an in depth illustration of how the CQ got into the financial mess it's in today. A brief Treasurer's Report is included on Page 6.

In the next issue of *The ICG Newsletter*, we'll include a summary of the changes to the Standing Rules published under Chapter Business, information on proposed changes to the ICG Guidelines for Competition, and (we hope) a tentative Annual Meeting Agenda.

If you have any questions about the information published here, please contact us and let us know. Or contact your local chapter representatives and talk to them! Many of the changes being proposed will alter the way business is conducted by both the ICG and its chapters. The best thing you can do is to let us know what you want out of our organization - it's the only way we'll be able to help make the ICG realize its potential.

If you intend your comments to be published, please be sure to include "To the Editor" in your subject. Otherwise, we may not be able to distinguish between general comments and specific requests for publication.

We welcome your questions, suggestions, comments, articles, and artwork. Please send them to our address. We will try to include them in an upcoming issue of *The ICG Newsletter*. Or, email your comments to: newsletter@costume.org. We can accept articles in text, RTF, M\$ Word or Corel WordPerfect format by email, or hard copy if absolutely necessary.

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LOST SOULS

ICG members must provide their correct mailing addresses to remain in good standing. ICG members whose addresses are not current are ineligible to vote. Voting proxies will be considered invalid unless corrected addresses are received by the ICG Treasurer in a timely manner. The following individuals' newsletters are not deliverable:

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The individuals above have at least one issue of *The ICG Newsletter* waiting to be delivered. If you have a corrected address, please contact us at any of the addresses below to update our records. Thanks!

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email: newsletter@costume.org

ICG Mailing Lists (via email)

ICG-D@yahoogroups.com (general discussion)
ICG-BOD@yahoogroups.com (Board & Officers)
ICG-T@yahoogroups.com (Treasurers)

ICG-D is open to everyone, including non-members.

Instructions for subscribing to any of the ICG Mailing Lists can be found at this URL:

help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/groups-19.html



BOARD BUSINESS

It's January! All chapters must provide the ICG Board with a contact, address and (if available) an email address for the ICG-BOD list. Please send the info to the BOD list, or to Carl Mami, ICG Vice President, at c.mami@verizon.net.

ICG OFFICER NOMINATIONS - FYI

Nominations for Officers of the Corporation must be made in writing to the President of the Corporation at least thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting. It's customary for the President of the Corporation to have served at least one turn as a local chapter president prior to nomination. The deadline is **March 21, 2003**.

A FINANCIAL LOOK AT COSTUMER'S QUARTERLY
BY SHARON TREMBLEY, ICG TREASURER

When did Costumer's Quarterly (CQ) sink into debt?

CQ's balance went below \$0 in 2000 and has not recovered. Currently, CQ is the ICG's liability. The ICG has received subscriptions from members and is obliged to either fulfill those issues or refund the subscription fees. With most remaining subscribers enrolling at the new \$18 rate, it would be about the same to publish or reimburse.

Year	Editor	Issues Actually Printed	Issues Due	CQ Income	CQ Expenses	Net	Cost
Beginning Balance							\$977.26
1998	Sally Norton	4 single issues: 3Q/97-2Q98	2	\$ 4,054.75	\$ 2,625.03	\$ 1,429.72	\$ 2,406.98
1999	Pat Ritter	1 double issue: 3Q/4Q 98	4	\$ 1,447.75	\$ 665.83	\$ 781.92	\$ 3,188.90
2000	Carl Mami	1 quadruple issue: All Qtr 99 2 single issues: 1Q/2Q00	2	\$ 1,534.00	\$ 6,446.68	(\$ 4,912.68)	(\$ 1,723.78)
2001	Carl Mami	2 single issues: 3Q/4Q00	4	\$ 788.00	\$ 967.49	(\$ 179.49)	(\$ 1,903.27)
2002	Carl Mami	2 single issues: 1Q/2Q01	6	\$ 682.00	\$ 1,109.15	(\$ 427.15)	(\$ 2,330.42)

How did that happen?

In 1998, the former ICG Treasurer, Jana Keeler, identified that the cost to print and mail CQ exceeded the subscription rate. (Approximately \$8.70 in costs, \$8 in revenue)

At that time, CQ was behind schedule two issues and, with a change in editors, decided that it would not be the best time to introduce a rate increase. The new editor, Pat Ritter, did cut costs by processing the mailing herself. With only one double issue, it would be hard to say if this would have been a long-term solution, but it worked for her tenure as editor. (CQ expanded to four issues, with approximately \$4.50 in costs, \$8 in revenue)

In mid-2000, Carl Mami became the CQ editor. The ICG Board originally approved the 2000 ICG Budget

based on Pat's costs. Pat's costs were 3.3 cents per page and she utilized bulk mailing. In creating the budget, Pat had estimated she would produce four issues during calendar year 2000, rather than catching CQ up completely by year-end.

The higher costs of printing (4.1 cents per page) and the increase in the per issue page count exhausted the 2000 CQ budget after two issues were printed and mailed. Some members of the ICG Board approved the CQ Editor's request to increase CQ's 2000 budget at the WorldCon held in Chicago. The remainder of the Board was not notified until after a substantial amount of money was spent.

What has happened to the CQ Budget since then?

The subscription rate was raised on Jan. 1st 2001 to cover the increased cost of producing CQ. The amount the ICG allocates each year to spend on CQ remains high, even with declining subscriptions, to cover an increasing number of catch-up issues of CQ required to match the number of calendar issues owed.

Current CQ Expenses:	
48 pages @ \$.06 per page (PIP Printing)	\$ 2.88
Domestic Postage for 48 page CQ issue	\$ 1.52
Mailing label per issue	\$ 0.03
	\$ 4.43
Cost of 4 issues per \$18 subscription	\$17.72

A portion of the \$18 rate was considered to be in excess of actual costs (the initially proposed rate was \$15). This should have been enough to reimburse the ICG's loss from 2000, assuming that subscriptions had remained at the same level and costs to produce CQ had not continued to rise.

Printing Summary:					
Vendor	Date	Price per page	# printed	Postage (Domestic Post):	
Sally's Printer	1998	\$.026	425	\$ 1.19	Bulk with handling \$ 2.18
Pat's Printer	1999	\$.033	300	\$ 0.67	Bulk unknown amt still in bulk acct from Pat* \$ 1.13
Carl's printers:					
Sir Speedy	2000	\$.041	400	\$ 0.22	Bulk* \$ 2.19
Sir Speedy	early 2001	\$.053	175	\$ 1.43	First Class \$ 3.97
Unlimited Copy	late 2001	\$.043	160	\$ 1.03	First Class \$ 3.09
PIP	2002	\$.060	150	\$ 1.52	First Class \$ 4.40

* Bulk account opened by Pat, remainder of credit used for Carl's first issue of CQ which cleared the credit balance.

With rising costs, we remain at status quo, behind in the coverage of CQ's expenses, and unable to erase the prior year losses by raising ICG dues. Some other action will be required by the ICG to correct the situation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR THE ICG

(Continued from Last Issue)

In Volume 1, Issue 2, we printed the first five of eight preliminary proposals, which have been under discussion since July 2002. In this issue, we publish the remaining three preliminary proposals.

(In this issue)

- 6: Increasing domestic ICG Membership Rates and setting International ICG Membership Rates to cover *The ICG Newsletter/ICG Annual*
- 7: Setting a Household Membership Rate for the ICG
- 8: Ceasing publication of *Costumer's Quarterly (CQ)*

(In Volume I, Issue 2, November/December, 2002)

- 1: Amending the dues renewal date
- 2: Adoption of a standard ICG Membership Application
- 3: Adoption of the ICG Membership Card
- 4: Creating the position of Membership Coordinator
- 5: Modifying Standing Rule 5 (Membership Processing)

All eight proposed changes will be brought before the ICG Annual Meeting next April in Chicago, IL at Costume-Con 21. Your feedback is necessary to help move the process forward. Please read through each item. Some of the language is stiff - legalese is often like that. We're hoping to use this forum to help clarify and focus the changes, or to make more changes as needed.

Note that these are NOT the final proposals to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

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6: Increasing domestic ICG Membership Rates and setting International ICG Membership Rates to cover *The ICG Newsletter/ICG Annual*

6a: Membership Rates increase to cover 6 newsletters per year

To be moved: That Standing Rule 3 be amended as follows:

3) Dues for Individual Members of the Corporation shall be set at \$8.00 [USD] per member per year for members residing in the United States (U.S.) and at \$14.00 [CAD/AUD] per member per year for members residing outside the U.S. [Adopted 2/15/90; amended 1/3/01 by Board of Directors, "TBD"]

OR

6b: Membership Rates increase to cover five (5) newsletters and one (1) Annual

To be moved: That Standing Rule 3 be amended as follows:

3) Dues for Individual Members of the Corporation shall be set at \$10.00 USD per member per year for members residing in the United States (U.S.) and at \$18.00 CAD/AUD per member per year for members residing outside the U.S. [Adopted 2/15/90; amended 1/3/01 by Board of Directors, "TBD"]

AND

7: Setting a Household Membership Rate for the ICG

To be moved: That Standing Rule 3 be appended to as follows:

Dues for additional Corporation Members residing in the same household as an Individual Member shall be set at \$1.00 USD, \$2.00 CAN/AUD for each additional Member.

AND FINALLY...

8: Ceasing publication of *Costumer's Quarterly (CQ)*

8a: Ceasing publication of *CQ* in favor of six (6) issues of *The ICG Newsletter*

To be moved: That the ICG cease publication of *Costumer's Quarterly (CQ)* in favor of publishing six (6) issues of *The ICG Newsletter*; that unused *CQ* funds be refunded to remaining subscribers with the shipment of the last *CQ*, and that no further *CQ* subscriptions be accepted.

OR

8b: Ceasing publication of *CQ* in favor of five (5) issues of *The ICG Newsletter* and one (1) issue of the Annual

To be moved: That the ICG cease publication of *Costumer's Quarterly* in favor of publishing five (5) issues of *The ICG Newsletter* and one (1) Annual, in March/April; that unused *CQ* funds be refunded to remaining subscribers with the shipment of the last *CQ*, and that no further *CQ* subscriptions be accepted.

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In the next issue (last one before the ICG Annual Meeting) we will include a summary of the changes proposed and the issue in which the original proposal appeared, as well as any other issues to be raised at the meeting.



COSTUME CALENDAR

CONVENTIONS

2003

Arisia '03

January 17 - 19, 2003
Boston, MA (USA)
www.arisia.org

Farpoint

February 14 - 16, 2003
Hunt Valley, MD (USA)
www.bcpl.net/~wilsonr/

Lunacon 2003

March 21 - 23, 2003
Rye Brook, NY (USA)
www.lunacon.org

Costume-Con 21

April 18 - 21, 2003 (Easter Weekend)
Skokie, IL (USA) - near Chicago
www.jennifarse.com/cc2003/

Norwescon 26

April 17-20, 2003
Seattle, WA (USA)
www.norwescon.org

Balticon 37

May 23 - 26, 2003
Baltimore, MD (USA)
www.balticon.org

Westercon 56

July 3-6, 2003
SeaTac, WA (USA)
www.wester56.org

ShowMeCon

July 11-13, 2003
St. Louis, MO (USA)
www.showmecon.com

Shore Leave 25

July 11 - 13, 2003
Hunt Valley, MD (USA)
www.shore-leave.com

Costume College

July 19-22, 2003
Los Angeles, CA (USA)
www.costumecollege.org

Torcon3:

61st World Science Fiction Convention
August 28 - September 1, 2003
Toronto, ON (Canada)
www.torcon3.on.ca

CopperCon 23

Sept 5 - 7, 2003
Phoenix, AZ (USA)
www.coppercon.org (New URL)

Archon

October 2-5, 2003
St. Louis
www.stlf.org/archon

Albacon

October 10-12, 2003
Schenectady, NY
www.albacon.org

Windycon XXX

November 2003
Chicago, IL
www.windycon.org

Philcon

December 2003
Philadelphia
www.philcon.org

2004

Costume-Con 22

April 2 - 5, 2004
Decatur, GA (USA) - near Atlanta
www.cc22.org

Westercon 57

July 2-5, 2004
Phoenix
www.az-sf.org

Shore Leave 26

July 9 - 11, 2004
Hunt Valley, MD (USA)
www.shore-leave.com

Noreascon Four:

62nd World Science Fiction Convention
September 2 - 6, 2004
Boston, MA (USA)
www.noreascon.org

2005

Costume-Con 23

April 29 - May 2, 2005
Ogden, UT (USA) - near Salt Lake City

Interaction:

63rd World Science Fiction Convention
August 4-8, 2005
Glasgow, Scotland (UK)
www.interaction.worldcon.org.uk



OTHER EVENTS

The Language of Clothing (Exhibit)

Now through February 16, 2004
DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum
Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia (USA)
www.history.org/visit/sp_events/exhibition.cfm#dewitt

POST YOUR EVENT HERE

To add or change event listings, send us either email or snail mail to the address on Page 1 of this newsletter.

Calendar items listed courtesy of the following:

The ICG Web Site (www.costume.org),
the **GBACG Conventions, Seminars & Symposiums**
page (www.gbacg.org/conventions.htm) and the
SF Lovers Convention List
(www.sflovers.org/Reference/fandom/conlist/cons-bydate.html)

ICG CHAPTERS AND DUES

ICG Dues per calendar year: \$4.00 USD,

All ICG members presently receive *The ICG Newsletter*, which is included in the ICG membership fee.

Full "Individual" chapter members receive the chapter's newsletter where noted, when published. Chapters may also offer additional amenities to their members.

Some chapters also offer "Household" memberships to members of a household in which there is a full "Individual" chapter member. Such memberships generally do not include additional copies of publications. There is no limit on the number of persons who may hold "household" memberships (except where noted), but all members must reside at the same address. **Contact the chapters at the addresses below for more details!**

Australian Costumers' Guild (ACG)

Subchapters:

- < Australian Capital Territory (ACT)
- < South Australia
- < The Grey Company - Western Australia

Post Office Box 322

BENTLEIGH, 3204 Australia

home.vicnet.net.au/~costume

Beyond Reality Costumers Guild (BRCG)

650 NW 76th St

Seattle, WA 98117-4044

www.brcg.org

Chicagoland Costumers' Guild (CCG)

aka The Chicago M.O.B.

1926 N. Maple Lane

Arlington Heights, IL 60004-3562

www.enteract.com/~cag

Costumer's Guild West (CGW)

Post Office Box 3052

Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670-3052

www.costumersguildwest.org

Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild (GBACG)

aka Dreamers of Decadence

PMB #320

5214-F Diamond Heights Blvd.

San Francisco, CA 94131

www.gbacg.org

Greater Columbia Fantasy Costumer's Guild, Inc. (GCFCG)

aka The Founders

Post Office Box 683

Columbia, MD 21045

www.gcfcg.org

Greater Delaware Valley Costumers' Society

(GDVCS)

aka The Lunatic Phrynge

Post Office Box 41987

Philadelphia, PA 19101

lunaticphrynge.nstemp.org

Greater Sacramento Area Costumers Guild

(GSACG)

aka The Fashioners of Fancy

Post Office Box 162722

Sacramento CA 95816-2722

www.gsacg.org

Millenium Costumers Guild (MCG)

c/o Vandy Vandervort

2854 Tincup Circle

Boulder, CO 80303-714

millenniumcg.tripod.com

NJ/NY Costumers Guild (NJ/NYCG)

aka The Sick Pups

c/o Elaine Mami

85 West McClellan Ave.

Livingston, NJ 07039

Northern Lights Costumers Guild (NLCG)

aka Noel Costumers

c/o Dina Flockhart

61 Gilson Road

Littleton, MA 01460-1300 USA

www.northernlights.pothole.com

St. Louis Costumers Guild (SLCG)

aka St. Louis Ubiquitous Tailor Society (SLUTS)

c/o Bruce Mai

7835 Milan

University City, MO 63130

www.casamai.com/slcg

Southwest Costumers Guild (SWCG)

Post Office Box 39504

Phoenix AZ 85069-9504

www.southwestcostumersguild.org

Utah Costumers Guild (UCG)

aka The Sew-and-Sewzz

289 W. Hidden Hollow Drive

Orem, UT 84058-7552

Western Canadian Costumer's Guild

(WCCG)

1903 Glenmount Dr. S.W.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E 4B4

members.shaw.ca/petra-nef/



ICG TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance as of Jan. 7, 2003: \$4,425.78

ICG: \$6,339.37

Archives: \$167.83

CQ: (\$2,081.42)

To refund CQ's remaining subscription fees will cost the ICG approximately \$1,200.00.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Chapter	Members	Last Report	Chapter	Members	Last Report
ACG	0	Sept 2000	MCG	23	Oct 2002
BRCG	6	Feb 2002	NLCG	6	Oct 2002
CGW	60	Oct 2002	NJ/NYCG	30	Jan 2003
CCG	2	June 2002	SLCG	34	Oct 2002
DVCG	11	June 2002	SWCG	12	Jan 2003
GBACG	125	Oct 2002	UCG	3	June 2002
GCFCG	19	Jan 2003	WCCG	13	Oct 2002
GSCG	28	Jan 2003	Total	372	

Chapters in **BOLD** are in danger of being dissolved at the Annual meeting in April.

PROCEDURAL STUFF

For Your Information: Did you know that **you** can help select the recipient of the ICG Lifetime Achievement Award each year? "Candidates for this award may be nominated by letter of proposal to the ICG President **from any member in good standing** or from any chapter. All letters of proposal must be received 60 days before the annual meeting." (From the ICG Standing Rules.) 2003's deadline: **February 17, 2003**. You may email your nomination to **c.mami@verizon.net**. For more information about the process of nominating recipients, please visit www.costume.org (the ICG web site). All previous recipients are listed on the site.

THE ICG ANNUAL MEETING

The next ICG Annual Meeting will take place Monday, April 21 at Costume-Con 21, April 18-21, 2003 (Easter Weekend), at the Doubletree Northshore Hotel in Skokie, Illinois (near Chicago). **Membership rates increase after 3/1/2003. Get your membership soon!**

See CC21's web site at www.jennifarse.com/cc2003/ for more information about purchasing memberships. The tentative meeting agenda will be published in the next issue of *The ICG Newsletter*.

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